

MARSHALS STEP OUT IN OLD CITY



UNIFORMED MARSHALS are out and about in the Old City in a new initiative aimed at promoting public safety and increasing public confidence.

The trained staff, one of whom will be a medic, will patrol on Fridays and Saturdays from 10.30pm until 2.30am along Corn Street, All Saints Lane, St Nicholas Street, St Stephen's Street and Baldwin Street.

The marshals will act as the eyes and ears for the venues in the area, meet and greet people, administer medical assistance and, if necessary, assist door staff and any vulnerable people. They will be equipped with a head camera and a radio linking them with the city council's CCTV control room.

Key aims include promoting the Old City and attracting a more diverse mix of people; connecting venues in the area to ensure any troublesome revellers are persuaded to leave the Old City; increasing public assurance by providing a dedicated visible presence on the street; reducing anti-social behaviour and violent crime.

The pilot scheme will run for three months and is being partially funded by members of the Old City Forum and the Safer Bristol Partnership. The launch of the scheme follows the success of the Harbourside marshals who have helped to promote a friendly, welcoming atmosphere over the past 12 months in the Bordeaux Quay and wider Harbourside area.